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THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

The NCNA Board of Directors has approved, and invitations have been mailed, to invite the Presidents of these numismatic organizations to attend and participate at our 1986 Coin Show and Exposition:

American Numismatic Association
American Numismatic Society
California State Numismatic Association
Numismatic Association of Southern California
Canadian Numismatic Association
Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico

This gathering of these North American national numismatic Presidents will be certainly a unique event, and their participation in an open forum on the trends probable in our hobby into the next century may attract national attention.

Your Editor proposed this major effort and is currently taking on the initial work to implement such an ambitious program. This idea was solely your Editor's. What NCNA members may wish to know what inspired your Editor to conceive such an endeavor.

The simple reason is that NCNA for too long has been casted into a second class status and deserves the national attention that such a major effort may bring.

The simple reason is that NCNA this year celebrates its Silver Jubilee 25th Anniversary, and this numismatic event will be fitting commemoration and tribute to NCNA's first quarter century.

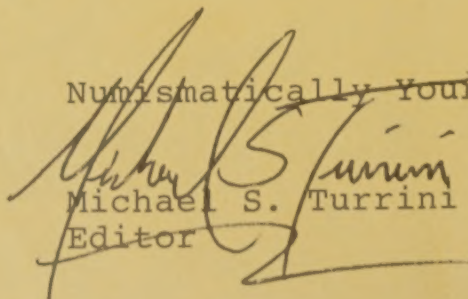
The simple reason is that NCNA has the financial means to do what other national and regional numismatic organizations have failed to do: bring the Presidents of the national numismatic groups of North America together at one place and at the same time to reflect upon the future of numismatics on this continent.

Simply stated, your Editor makes no excuses nor bones that his objective is for NCNA, regardless of its previous history, its failings, or the attacks of its distractors, to be a trend-setting organization; one that leads and sets the tone for our hobby.

To your Editor, many have abandoned numismatics as a hobby for to lure of investment and business. It is time to restore the hobby into numismatics. This program, and others that your Editor and fellow NCNA activists are developing, seek to promote and to serve the hobby of numismatics.

Best Wishes and Thanks.

Numismatically Yours,


Michael S. Turrini
Editor

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA Hews and Happenings

Coin Show Schedule

The latest issue of this NCNA service to coin clubs is enclosed. The Coin Show Schedule is coordinated by NCNA Treasurer Edward Sins.

If coin clubs fail to inform and to report adequately in time, this Schedule is of little or no use. Coin clubs seeking to be listed are strongly advised to write with their coin shows' details six months or more in advance.

The NCNA Board of Directors is on record strongly encouraging all northern California coin clubs to use this Coin Show Schedule. For information and a supply of the latest Schedule, write to: "Edward Sins, Coin Show Schedule, PO Box 5075, San Jose, CA, 95150".

Coin Club List

In the October 19th Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales, the Ninth Issue of the Coin Club List was included.

It has come to both NCNA and the List Coordinator O.L. Wallis that errors exist for a few coin clubs listed. Mr. Wallis is currently revising the List and requests that coin clubs inform him promptly of their latest information. Coin clubs unable or refusing to provide updated information may be dropped and not included in future Coin Club Lists. Information and request for copies direct to: "O.L. Wallis, Coin Club List, 58 Tan Oak Circle, San Rafael, CA, 94903".

1986 Board of Directors Meetings

The regular quarterly Meetings of the NCNA Board of Directors will be on:

February 16th
May 18th
August 24th
November 30th

All Meetings fall on Sunday afternoons starting at 1:30pm at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness and Geary, San Francisco. The room location varies, so check the Hotel's Bulletin Board or at the Registration Desk. As is always true, all NCNA Club Members are warmly encouraged and welcomed to send a voting Club Delegate.

1986 NCNA Coin Show and Exposition

Is scheduled for this September 25, 26, 27, and 28, 1986 at the Cat-

hedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco with a full four-days of Bourse, Auction, Exhibits, Youth Program, and Educational Forum.

The Board of Directors has begun work on this year's Coin Show and Exposition which will be NCNA Silver Jubilee 25th Annual Coin Show and Exposition. Appointed to date are: Denis Hooker, Bourse; Constance Perham, Security; Stan Turrini, Publicity; Edward Sins, Exhibit Awards, and Lillian Hooker, Registration.

The big event at the 1986 Coin Show and Convention will be the 'Gathering of Numismatic Presidents' as reported in the October Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales. Invitations have been mailed. Hopefully, this most unique once-in-a-lifetime event may come together next September, making it an historic moment in numismatics.

Those interested in this Coin Show and Convention are invited to contact your Editor at: "PO Box 4104, Vallejo, CA, 94590".

1986 NCNA Medal

It is traditional for NCNA to strike medals every five years. 1986 is the fifth year in this cycle. The design is undetermined at this time; however, the Board of Directors at its December 8th Meeting voted to strike: one hundred (100) serial numbered one ounce silver medals, undetermined number of pure gold medals of the same size as the silver issue, and no bronze medals or other compositions.

The prize is \$20.00 per silver medal and \$500.00 deposit per gold medal. There is an absolute limit of five (5) silver medals total per person. Gold medals are open; however, these gold medals, due to precious medal costs, may be subject to additional charges.

Order must be sent to: "Edward Sins, NCNA Treasurer, PO Box 5075, San Jose, CA, 95150". All payments must be full.

It is not known when the medals will be actually minted, and those ordering are asked to be patient. It is anticipated that the earliest orders may be filled is this Summer.

1981 and 1976 NCNA Medals

There remains a small supply of both the 1981, 75th Anniversary of San Francisco Earthquake, and the 1976, United States-San Francisco Bicentennial, silver medals for sale.

Orders must be sent to NCNA Treasurer Sins at address given above. All payments must be full. Note on your order which year you are purchasing: 1981 and/or 1976. This is important as NCNA presently has three different silver medals for sale.

For the record, all NCNA silver medals are one ounce pure silver.

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In addition, NCNA has issued four (4) medals: in 1971, 1976, 1981, and 1986 pending. 1971 is the rarest and commemorates the San Francisco Cable Cars. NCNA does not have any 1971 medals for sale.

1986 National Coin Week Enticement Program

Coin clubs, in summary, that participate this April 1986 in the American Numismatic Association (ANA) sponsored National Coin Week with some worthwhile effort, preferably a public display, that promotes and recognizes National Coin Week plus the numismatic hobby will receive a cash grant of \$100.00 from NCNA payable directly to their club's treasury.

The goal is to encourage coin clubs in actively participating in the 1986 National Coin Week and to reward financially these coin clubs for their efforts.

The primary requirement is that coin clubs develop and implement a worthwhile activity, such as a well-planned attractive public display, which is adequately documented in a written report with photographs submitted to NCNA. There are no restrictions to what the coin clubs may do with their cash grants.

Coin clubs interested in this Enticement Program are welcomed to contact: "Dan Shattuc, NCNA Enticement Program, PO Box 70866, Sunnyvale, CA, 94086".

POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Ten Ways To Kill An Organization

1. Do not go to the meetings.
2. If you do go, arrive late.
3. If is bad weather, do not even think of going.
4. When you do attend a meeting, find fault with everything the President and any other officer saids.
5. Never accept an office or appointment; it is much easier to sit back and criticize.
6. If you should be appointed to committee, do not go its meetings or help in its work; if you are not appointed, complain about it.
7. When your opinion is asked, reply that you have nothing to say; but after the meeting or elsewhere, tell everybody how things should have been done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other do the lions' share, tell everyone how the organization is run by a clique.
9. Do not worry about paying your dues. Wait until you receive two or three notices from the Treasurer. That will keep him off the streets and running out of anything to do and getting lazy.
10. Do not bother about getting new members. Let the ones who do all the other work, do that too.

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these
Coin Clubs:

Delta Coin Club
Peninsula Coin Club
Fresno Numismatic Society
Napa Valley Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
San Francisco Coin Club
Diablo Numismatic Society
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Cupertino Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Fairfield Coin Club
San Jose Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society
Fremont Coin Club
Gateway Coin Club
Reno Coin Club
Southeastern Sierra Coin Club
Pajaro Valley Coin Club

Delta Coin Club SYD KASS, DCC Newsletter Editor, reports that in the 1985 NCNA Wood Error Contest there was a three-way tie: BEE GRIMM, RUBEN SMITH III, and LOYD YOUNT. This January 1986 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Delta Coin Club; members having at least twenty-five years in the Club are: NORM PRUITT, CHARLES RICHESIN, GORDON D. RAMMER, RALPH ORLANDELLA, JUNE WILLSON, MAXINE NOVETZKE, SYD KASS, and ELISE TUCK. As usual, SYD KASS reports much in the DCC Newsletter as this Silver Institute report that "in 1984 13,017,840 ounces of silver were used in the coinage of 260 issues of legal tender silver coins in 77 countries. The largest producer in 1984 was France which used 3.9 million ounces for silver coins (17 issues). The second largest producer of silver coins was Mexico which minted 2,523,422 pure silver legal tender bullion coins called 'ONZAS'. Third, was the U.S. in 1984 with 1,996,643 ounces used in the minting of the Olympic coins and the George Washington half dollars".

Peninsula Coin Club Recent meeting themes have been: Club Medals, October 14th; Coin Show Acquisitions, November 11th, and Silver Coins, December 9th. Peninsula Coin Club meets on the Second Monday of each month in the Community Room of California Federal Savings, at 7:45pm, 2180 El Camino Real, Palo Alto.

Fresno Numismatic Society Elected its 1986 officers: RICHARD BIER, President; BILL FEBUARY, Vice-President; PHIL PLETTNER, Treasurer, and TINA JOSEPHINE, Secretary. Recent FNS meeting activities have been: DALE HEWLETT, October 8th, Numismatic Quiz; Show 'n Tell, November 12th, and Christmas Party, December 12th.

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Napa Valley Coin Club Has a title for its new club periodical; it is Napa Valley Numismatic News.

Redwood Empire Coin Club Meets on the Second Wednesday at 7:30pm at Glendale Federal Savings, Conference Room, corner of Fourth and B Streets, Santa Rosa. Its 1986 officers are: HORACE MOORE, President; CARMANN BREKKE, Vice-President; HELEN ROBERTS, Treasurer, and GARY JOHNSON, Secretary.

San Francisco Coin Club Commemorated its Silver Jubilee 25th Anniversary last October 12th at the L & L Castle Lanes. Seven of the eleven surviving Charter Members were present and received special Life Membership cards: JOHN SEARS, PAUL SNEDAKER, CAROL SNEDAKER, GEORGE HAM, THELMA KRIEG, JACOB MUMMERT, and KENNETH TAKAHASHI. Both O.L. WALLIS and JOHN SEARS, SFCC Member #1, presented short talks on the Club's history. The Master of Ceremonies was long-time SFCC member and current Treasurer, MIKE STANLEY. October 22nd meeting was SFCC's Annual Other Hobbies Night with: GROVER CAGLE, Scottish Lore; O.L. WALLIS, Animal Skins; HANS HANSSON, World-Wide Stamps; STEPHEN SEELIG, Model Trains, and ABLINA ARIETTA, Memorabilia of 1880's and 1890's. The SFCC 1986 officers are: HANS HANSSON, President; STEPHEN SEELIG, Vice-President; MIKE STANLEY, Treasurer, and MONA VERZI, Secretary. The 22nd Annual San Francisco Coin Fair will be this April 6, 1986 at the Gateway Holiday Inn, Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

Diablo Numismatic Society Meets on the Third Thursday of each month in the Community Room of Citicorp Savings, 1910 Tice Valley Road, Walnut Creek. The DNS recently changed its mailing address to: "PO Box 5473, Walnut Creek, California, 94596".

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Has heard recently two Fremont residents: CAL WILSON, Numismatic Literature, November 27th and RON MILLER, United States Coins, October 30th.

Cupertino Coin Club Heard current SFCC President HANS HANSSON on 'Swedish Coins' at its November 1st meeting. The October 4th meeting was CCC's Annual Youth Night with the meeting conducted by Youth Vice-President CHRIS FISCHER. Both CHRIS FISCHER and CHRIS SCOTT presented a program on Australia. November 17th was the date at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant of the CCC's 15th Anniversary Banquet, the first ever annual banquet for this club. Several CCC members were honored with Life Memberships: FRANK NIELSEN, PHIL SOLOMON, RAY ERKSON, RICH DOUGLAS, CHRISTINA HARTMAN, GENE DYER, ROBIN PHELPS, JEAN PRITCHETT, and ERNIE RAY. Each received an engraved uniface CCC silver medal. Your Editor attended this Banquet representing NCNA.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Elected its 1986 officers: HOWARD C. LONSDALE, MD, President; HAROLD SALES, Vice-President, STAN TURRINI, Treasurer, and MIKE STANLEY, Secretary. At the VNS' Annual Christmas Dinner and Party on December 14th, retiring President LUCKY WILLIAMS received Service Medal Number #4, the fourth award of the VNS' highest award. LUCKY WILLIAMS was pre-

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sented an engraved silver medal in recognition for his efforts to improve the VNS and his repeated generous donations to the VNS through the years. The two big events for the VNS in 1986 are: its 400th Meeting this December and its 14th Annual Vallejo Coin Show on June 8th. As usual, the year's Vallejo Coin Show will be like previous ones: a full one-day multi-activity event with Bourse, Exhibits, Educational Forum, Youth Table, displays, Information Table, free woods, collector meetings, refreshments, silver coin half-hour drawings, and a fourteen gold coin All Gold Drawing. The confirmed Forum speaker to date is DON SCHUELER of Napa Coin Gallery who will speak on the 'Coin Market'. The Vallejo Coin Show will be held at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street, Vallejo.

Fairfield Coin Club Honored its long-time booster, Secretary, and Editor JAN HENKE with the FCC's highest award, The Rich Neily Memorial Award, at the FCC's Christmas Party on December 11th. His selection was based on HENKE's service and dedication to the Club repeatedly over and above any normal call-of-duty. His selection was further honored as he was the first recipient. The presentation was done by current FCC President JOE SIROIS and Vice-President STAN TURRINI. FCC's Christmas Party was held at the local Anheuser-Busch Brewery.

San Jose Coin Club Will hold its 18th Annual Coin Show this January 10, 11, and 12, 1986 at the San Jose Convention Center, Almaden and San Carlos Streets, San Jose. This is a nationally recognized Coin Show featuring an extensive Educational Forum and a one hundred twenty-four table Bourse. NCNA Heads and Tales readers are warmly encouraged to travel and attend this outstanding Coin Show. SHELDON WIRT's Round Five Coin Stumpers was the SJCC program at its November 20th meeting. This year's champion was RON MILLER who successfully answered most of the numismatic questions. The SJCC reports as a tribute to its founding member, the late RUDY GJUROVICH: "In honor of the club's founding father, RUDY GJUROVICH, San Jose Coin Club silver medal number #1 has been retired. All subsequent medals will be issued in the numbers 2-201, to retain the total number of 200 serialized medals issued annually".

Liberty Numismatic Society Had ED FULWIDER with a slide presentation on United State Mint Medals at its October 8th meeting. The November 5th meeting was the Club's Annual Coin Auction, and December 3rd was the date for the Christmas Party. The LNS meets on the First Tuesday of each month at 7:15pm in the Millbrae Library, Library and Magnolia, Millbrae.

Fremont Coin Club Elected its 1986 officers: RON MILLER, President; KEN BAUER, First Vice-President; SAM FOX, Second Vice-President; DON McALLISTER, Treasurer; IRIS ATKINSON, Recording Secretary; VINCE LACARIERE, Corresponding Secretary, and GEOFF GREEN, Junior Vice-President. Recent FCC activities have been: October 8th, Round-Table Discussion on 'How To Buy Coins'; October 22nd, Annual Junior Night; November 12th, Mini-Coin Show; November 26th,

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BURDETTE WILLIAMS on the Carriage House, local Fremont landmark,
and December 10th, FCC's final meeting for 1985.

Gateway Coin Club Is the only Coin Club in this area to send Christmas Greeting Cards as its December Newletter. The Gateway Coin Club meets on the First and Third Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Guarantee Savings Community Room, 19th and M Streets, Merced.

Reno Coin Club Issues a monthly periodical which is one of the most comprehensive and informative: complete reports and information are given in this Newsletter by its Editor DOUGLAS McDONALD. Recent RCC meeting programs have been: November 5th, GORDON DOUGLASS, 'Hammered English Coins' and December 2nd, PAM and CINDI SMITH, 'Errors Coins'. Continuing the regular Getting-To-Know-You part of the meeting have been: LOIS AUSTIN, ALLEN PENLAND, RALPH DUCKETT, and RON SCHULTZ. The Club's November 16th Auction sold more than \$6,500.00 worth of lots and brought local television coverage by KCRL-TV, Channel 4 Reno. The RCC meets the First Tuesday of each month in Room E-2 at the McKinley Park Recreation Center, 925 Riverside Drive, starting at 7:30pm, Reno, Nevada.

Southeastern Sierra Coin Club Heard MARK HODGES from Big Pine Observatory at its October 24th meeting and SAM ALFIERI on Videos at its November 21st meeting. Would someone from the SSCC write your Editor and informed him of 'What Can Kitty Litter Do For Coins'?, as reported in the October Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales.

Pajaro Valley Coin Club Writes that its 21st Annual Coin Show will be February 9, 1986 at the Watsonville High School Cafeteria, Lincoln and East Beach Streets, Watsonville. For information, write: "JOSEPH GOLDSTAND, 762 Almond Drive, Watsonville, California, 95076; 408-728-1292".



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